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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON VIA CAS CHANNELS

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

FOR: Ambassador Bunker

EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER

I know that you will appreciate the desirability of making the visit of Presidential Assistants George Shultz and John Ehrlichman a complete success. Their knowledge of the complexities of the Vietnamese political, military, and economic situation will be of great assistance to our Vietnamization program. Of particular importance will be a review of our own and the GVN roles in economic support of Vietnamization and the long-range economic outlook for Vietnam. However, the visit should be treated for what it is: a fact-finding trip covering a key area of concern for U. S. policy. It will be most helpful if you can handle it strictly in low key, and can play down speculation that it is anything other than a routine matter.

Warmest personal regards.

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